



**Delaware Workforce Development Board
Quarterly Youth Council
Goodwill Boardroom
300 East Lea Blvd, Wilmington De. 19802
May 3, 2017,
9:00am-10:30am**

Minutes

Attendees: Alice Coleman, George Krupanski, Joel Riley, Joyce Ottinger, Colleen Cunningham, Brenda Soto, Dale Matusevich, Kenyetta McKurdy-Byrd, Jane Rattenni, Michelle Taylor, Felicia Kellum. Nicole Adams,

Staff: William Potter, Robin McKinney-Newman, Wanda Holifield, DáLynn Wright

Welcome and Quorum Achieved – George Krupanski

Pathways Update:

Robin McKinney-Newman reported the National Pathways conference was held in Delaware at the Chase Center on the Riverfront; it was a day and a half. Attendance has grown over the past three years from 125 to 925. Pathways had its first expo for this year's event. Mr. Krupanski, Ms. Mckinney-Newman and Mr. Potter were panelists at the event.

Mr. Potter reported Robin, DáLynn, and Wanda worked on the Demand Occupation List. Mr. Potter was tasked to send out a courtesy email when the list is approved.

Mr. Potter advised Mr. Krupanski to think about how the Youth Council figuring out how much money to dedicate to in-school providers and how much money this committee wants to put towards in school providers. Bill said he will give more data on past expenditures. Just understand we face a Federal budget cut of 10% automatically and as much as additional 20% if the President's budget is approved. .

Mr. Krupanski explained the goal is to have both government and private funds work together so there could potentially be a larger pool. We have to find a smart way to track the out of school youth. We also need to get a number of how many out of school youth there are who need services and determine if there are enough resources for them. The challenge is to reallocate in-school dollars to out-of-school programs; the four in school providers will face significant reductions. Maybe we don't want to do that. But if you look at the out of school programs, the totals 220-230 youth. We have to get those numbers. If that makes a total difference then we aren't making a dent into the number.

Michelle Taylor asked what's the gap between in school and out of school populations in the state and do we acquire calculations of rate of unemployment; how many youth are in school verses drop outs? Is there some other data between DOL and DOE that they have? What is it for Delaware versus nationally?

Metrics we want to look at is individuals with disabilities and without disabilities and who is being served. Youth with disabilities that are in school can still be a part of Pathways.

Dale Matusevich. We are working to bridge the gap between career and tech education and students with disabilities. Many times students with disabilities become "seat fillers". We are placing youth in programs based on an empty seat which is a disservice to the students. Schools have seniors about to graduate but haven't been referred to DVR services. Counselors saying we won't take referrals until their senior years.

All children in public school systems will be a part of the Pathways program. Need to know the number of the youth that are out of school, between now and the next meeting.

There are some youth at risk of still dropping out, how do we help those dropouts to get across the finish line and what are those additional supports and services they need over time?

Wanda Holifield reported Scholarship Initiative/Award. There were six applicants for the scholarship award. The committee pushed the application deadline back to April 28th. Miss Hailey Carmichael is our 2017 scholarship winner and she received her letter prior to this meeting.

Old Business

The DOL-DET staff/ Nicole Adams reported. Summer youth is going well. The number of applications is being reported as having decreased in the news but Saturday was the last date for applications and now they have about 800 on file. The program is for ten weeks. Wilmington has 180 slots, New Castle County has 40 slots, Kent & Sussex County has 45 slots each. There was a decrease in summer youth under the previous Governor's budget. We don't know the current Governor's budget but it was written in as a decrease. There's less participants because of the lack of jobs. The numbers rebounded on Saturday over 500 youth applied. This was the first year we tried to have everything processed online. We later found out, many youth didn't have internet access which made us resort back to paper applications.

New Business

Jane Rattenni made a motion for adjournment and Felicia Kellum seconded it.

**Next meeting will be June 14th at Goodwill Board room
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